

REMARKS

Claims 15-18, 24-28, 30-32, 35, 36 and 38-43 remain pending in this application. Claims 15-18, 24, 30 and 36, are independent. No claims have been amended or added. Claims 1-14, 19-23, 29, 33, 34, 37 and 44-51 have been cancelled.

Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection is Proper

This amendment after final rejection is made merely to place the application in condition for allowance by cancelling all non-allowed claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 15-18, 24-28, 30-32, 35-36, and 38-43 are *allowed*.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-14, 19-23, 29, 33, 34, 37 and 44-51 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant submits that each of pending claims 15-18, 24-28, 30-32, 35, 36 and 38-43 in the present application is in immediate condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be appreciated.

In the event the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues in this case, the Undersigned Attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

Although no fees are believed to be due, for any fees that are due, including fees for extensions of time, please charge Deposit Account Number 03-3975 from which the Undersigned Attorney is authorized to draw. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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